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April 26, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for a highway revitalization and safety project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the project is located on highway U.S.-270 between Watonga (73772) and Seiling (73663), OK within Blaine and Dewey County.

The funding is designated for reconstructing and widening this section of highway from two to four lanes. This project appropriately utilizes taxpayer dollars to improve driving conditions promoting driver safety, as well as facilitate commerce efficiency.

As Congress considers Surface Transportation Reauthorization, it's important to remember how vital roads, bridges, and highways are to the United States economy. The economy needs reliable infrastructure to connect supply chains and efficiently move goods and services across borders. Infrastructure connects households across metropolitan and rural areas to higher quality opportunities for employment, healthcare, and education. Especially in rural areas of the country, where research shows that the United States rural regions consist of nearly 97 percent of America's landmass, rural projects are often left out of the conversation. Many of these roads are dedicated to farming. America's rural regions transport a sustainable pipeline of food, energy, and other products that aid the entire U.S. economy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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